

FLITCHED HALIBUT FLEET.

Schs. Oregon, Jennie B. Hodgdon and Massachusetts Spoken.

Capt. McDonald of the fresh halibut Mooween report speaking the flitched halibut schs. Oregon, Jennie B. Hodgdon and Massachusetts, on Baccalieu bank recently, in latitude 53.10. The Hodgdon had been in the ice some time before and damaged her stem.

Each of the craft had about 30,000 pounds of flitched halibut and there was no sign of ice where they were fishing. It looked as though the ice had all come down in a great bunch and passed along. Of course there was some ice still well in shore, but this would not bother the fleet. Sch. Mooween came through the straits of Belle Isle coming home and Capt. McDonald reports some ice off that section of Newfoundland. Sch. Mooween is one of the first craft of any kind to get through the straits since the ice pack formed last winter.

Capt. John McKay of the halibut Monitor reports no ice between latitude 48.30 and 51.50, the waters being clear of this most dangerous obstruction. He spoke sch. Preceptor of the fresh halibut fleet, but saw none of the flitched halibuters.

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Boston, or T wharf at least, has had enough ground fish this week, too much in fact, for this morning the vessels are getting a dollar a hundred weight for their haddock and find no sale at all for cod, cusk and hake. There will be several fares come here for the splitters.

Since last report, 13 fares of ground fish have arrived, half of them being Provincetown, with about six of cod and pollock, sch. Nettie Franklin being high with 47,000 pounds.

There are five more trips of swordfish in and the price took quite a drop, as the market is pretty well supplied.

Two more fresh mackerel trips came in late yesterday and held over to sell this morning as did six of the 10 in early yesterday morning. They gained by so doing as they got a raise.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, brought in a fine trip of fresh halibut and salt cod, but had not sold at 9 o'clock. The Teazer, which was in yesterday, laid over until this morning with her fare.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 500 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. William A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Mina Swim, 15,000 fresh cod, 15,000 salt cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Dictator, 20,000 salt cod, 30,000 halibut.

Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 1500 haddock, 20,000 cod, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 12,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Olga, 3200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Florida, 77 swordfish.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 36 swordfish.

Sch. Vesta, 25 swordfish.

Sch. Cherokee, 23 swordfish.

Sch. Priscilla, 92 swordfish.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 2500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1; no sales other ground fish, market dull; swordfish, 7 1-2 to 8c per lb.; fresh mackerel 16 cts. each.

Swordfishermen Doing Well.

The swordfishermen did well on their trips yesterday. Sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peeples, stocked \$1500, the crew making the splendid share of \$116, about the best of the season in this fishery.

The new Portland sch. Topsail Girl, Capt. Doggett, is doing well.

On her first trip, Capt. Doggett stocked \$953, and this trip will bring him about \$1300. The crew shared \$61 on the first trip, and will get about \$95 for this one.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett stocked \$914 on her first trip, and will have about \$90, which, with the \$68 they received for the first trip, will make good pay for the 26 days they have been out and his men were feeling happy.

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MACKEREL OUTLOOK A POOR ONE.

Nothing But Bullseyes Located Except on the Rips.

Fish Commission Sch. Grampus Has Made Exhaustive Search.

There is practically nothing new in the mackerel situation. The incoming seiners do not seem to think much of the outlook. They say what fish there are are on the Rips and that none are reported elsewhere, outside of bullseyes, of which there are numerous large schools at South Shoal and on Georges.

These latter fish they do not like to catch if there are large or medium fish to be taken, but at a price nearly \$7 per barrel salted, as they are now, they agree it would pay to catch and salt them, although it entails much work. As they look at it, it would be better than nothing, and from what they have heard, the Boston firms, many of them, are looking for just this kind of goods. The fish, salted, run about 500 to the barrel and they are getting a little larger all the time. They are quite fat and make fine eating.

The fare of salt bullseyes of sch. Ingomar sold to Lincoln & Willey, at Boston, the price reported being \$6.85 per barrel.

Sch. Rex of this port landed 3000 large fresh mackerel at Provincetown Tuesday.

How T Wharf Dealers Tried to Juggle Prices.

The T wharf dealers seem to be acting very queerly indeed with the vessels bringing in fare of fresh mackerel. On Tuesday they only offered 14 cents apiece for the large, four pound, fish brought in, and made the vessels hang over another day, losing a whole day's fishing just to accommodate their whim, for they turned around yesterday morning and paid 16 cents for the fish, which were then a day older.

But here comes the funny part. When Capt. Corkum and Farmer of schs. Priscilla Smith and Patrician came up from here and got to the wharf, before 9 o'clock, they tried to get their fares for 15 cents per fish, although they had paid the others 16 cents. It did not go with Capt. Corkum, or Capt. Farmer either. The dealers held out, and made no higher bid, so Capt. Corkum got under way in the Smith and headed for Gloucester, and no sooner did the dealers find this out than they fell all over themselves in getting to Capt. Farmer and offering him 16 cents for his mackerel, thus giving away the whole situation—that they expected to get both fares at 15 cents and did not think that either skipper could work out of the situation.

Capt. Corkum brought sch. Priscilla Smith here and this morning sold the trip to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. at 15 cents per fish, Manager Livingstone, as usual, being willing to do all he could. Capt. Corkum did just right in standing up in his boots and not being bluffed. May there be more like him before the season is over.

The situation is a complex one, at T wharf at least. On Monday, the dealers there took in the trips of large four pound fresh mackerel, and there were about 100,000 fish in the lot, at 15½ cents each, which was a nice fair price but not too much when the price of haddock and cod are considered, and everybody was satisfied. The ways of the fresh fish business are past finding out—to the layman at least.

THREW BAIT OFF MONTAUK.

Boats Alice and Clara T. Made Good Hauls of Mackerel.

A letter to the Times yesterday from its regular correspondent at Newport, R. I., who is always wide awake on the mackerel situation states that the little schs. Clara T. and Alice arrived there on Tuesday with 480 and 347 fresh mackerel respectively. The fish were taken off Montauk Point and were secured by throwing bait and setting around the vessel. The fish weighed about three pounds each and were in good shape. Both Capt. Luth and Monson say that the outlook for boats and small schooners with small seines looks mighty good out there at present. Usually the season for throwing bait, hooking and setting around out that way does not start much before the latter part of August, but the work of these two boats show that the fish are there and can be caught.

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Our Newport correspondent says that it looks as though there was some good money coming to the small craft which would engage in this line of fishing at present with a small seine, as the mackerel are of fine marketable size and just what are wanted.

SCH. GRAMPUS CRUISED SOUTH.

But Failed to Locate Any Signs of Mackerel.

The United States fish commission sch. Grampus, engaged in mackerel research work, under the direction of Capt. Jerry E. Cook of this port, was at Newport, R. I., for harbor on Tuesday, Capt. Cook has been over a lot of ground to the southward, clear of where the seiners have been operating, in the hope of locating the main body of the mackerel school, but found no signs of fish.

Capt. Cook reports that after leaving here, the Grampus passed out through South Channel to the South Shoal lightship, and then worked to the westward off and on the edge of the fishing ground, and then in to Shinnecock light.

On the night of July 10, ten nets were set at midnight and no mackerel were found in them, but 170 butter fish and two bonitas were taken out. At daylight in the morning, the nets were hauled and 70 butter fish and five bonitas were taken.

The weather since the Grampus left here has been fine and Capt. Cook has kept busy on the masthead. On Monday the Grampus was in latitude 40.24 and longitude 71.40 and all the ground in that vicinity was thoroughly cruised over, but it was a pretty dry look. On Tuesday it blew fresh from the southwest, and the craft, after jogging off Block Island, made Newport.

From the report of the Grampus, it would seem that there are few if any mackerel now schooling to the westward on the Rips and South Shoal lightship.

Sch. Mary E. Harty at Boston with 10,000 Large Fresh Mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Rueben Cameron, arrived at T wharf this noon with 10,000 large fresh mackerel. The fare is unsold at the time of going to press.

Capt. Cameron is high line of the fleet at the present time and this fare will still further increase his lead.

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SEEKS PROHIBITION OF STEAM TRAWLING.

Senator Lodge Wants International Convention to Take Action.

Would Forbid Their Use on North Atlantic Fishing Banks.

Senator Lodge has set the ball rolling looking to an international agreement for the prohibition of steam trawling on the North Atlantic banks on this side of the ocean. The senator is quoted as saying that he believes an agreement of this nature would save the fishing grounds and do away with all friction between the fleets on the banks.

A Washington dispatch says: "Senator Lodge had a conference Wednesday with Sec. of State Knox regarding fishing off the Newfoundland coast. The senator complained of the practice of French fishing vessels in using steam beam trawlers.

This practice has resulted in numerous clashes between French, Canadian and American fishermen. The Canadians and Americans charge that the French system of fishing has driven the fish from their usual grounds and that, if continued, it will have the same effect in Newfoundland waters.

"Senator Lodge suggested that an international convention be entered into between the French, British and American governments preventing the use of the steam beam trawl in the North American fishing grounds.

"This is one of the questions touching fishing rights which has never been settled. Senator Lodge believes that if his suggestion is followed there will be no further trouble. The state department has taken the matter under consideration."

That Senator Lodge has interested himself in the matter is a guarantee that it will be brought to official attention of the United States govern-

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ment. For years the fisheries of New England have had a staunch friend and sponsor in Senator Lodge, and many times has he interested himself in their behalf and most successfully. He has been a close student of all fisheries questions affecting New England and her fleets and is well informed.
The fact that such a staunch champion of fishermen's rights has now taken hold of the matter of an international agreement to wipe steam trawling in North Atlantic waters is a most hopeful sign that something may be done in this direction.

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**BOSTON PRICES
SHOW DECLINE.**
**Fish Market Decidedly Dull
With Good Supply.**

T wharf's fish story this morning is confined to 10 market trips, the steam trawler Spray, one swordfisherman and "nary" a mackerel catcher. Prices are low and trade is dull. Swordfish have taken quite a slump.

The market fishermen have ordinary catches as a whole, sch. Teresa and Alice, which has been down east, haking, having the largest trip, 62,000 pounds, of which she will take out 10,000 pounds and bring the rest here to split. The steam trawler Spray has made a very quick trip but did not strike a market. Sch. Lear C. has 33 swordfish, but even these few sent the price down two cents from yesterday.

The rest of the week is expected to be dull with a good Monday opening looked for.
The receipts in detail are as follows:

- Boston Arrivals.**
- Sch. Yankee, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Viking, 7000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
 - Sch. Galatea, 1000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
 - Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 28,000 cod.
 - Sch. Teresa and Alice, 3000 cod, 55,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
 - Sch. Hortense, 7000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Washakie, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.
 - Sch. Fanny Bell Atwood, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
 - Steamer Spray, 28,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
 - Sch. Lear C., 33 swordfish.
 - Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 12,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
 - Sch. Annie Perry, 2000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 hake, 12,000 pollock.
 - Haddock, \$1 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; large hake, \$1; swordfish, 6 1-2 to 7 cts. per pound.

- Fishing Fleet Movements.**
- Sch. John R. Bradley was at Canso, N. S., on Monday.
 - Sch. Annie M. Parker was at Shelburne, N. S., on Monday.
 - Schs. Susan and Mary and J. J. Flaherty were at Yarmouth, N. S., on Monday.
 - Sch. Niagara was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday and shipped home some halibut.
 - Sch. Arthur D. Story, which arrived here Wednesday, was at Portland Tuesday and landed 5000 pounds of halibut.
 - Sch. Kate L. Palmer landed 72 swordfish at Portland Tuesday.
 - Sch. Mertis H. Perry, bound from here to North Bay, on a mackereling trip, was at Portland Tuesday for bait.
 - Sch. American of Provincetown, arrived at Louisburg, C. B., from the banks with 100,000 pounds of salt cod-fish.
 - Sch. T. C. Lockwood, owned by William McMillan, of Lockport, N. S., arrived at that port from the banks last week with about 1000 quintals of fish.

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Halibut Sale.
The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Dictator sold at Boston yesterday at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound for gray.

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**ARRIVALS ALL
VIA BOSTON.**
**Sch. Azorian Tore Mainsail
in Squall on the Rips.**

It's rather a featureless morning here today in the fish arrival line, about all the vessels in being down from Boston with fresh fish to split and salt cod.

Sch. Priscilla Smith brought her fare of large fresh mackerel and will take out here. Schs. Mina Swim and Teazer, Elizabeth W. Nunan, Mary DeCosta and Dictator are the crafts here from Boston.

Sloop Azorian is in from the Rips with a small fare. She was caught in a blow on the Rips recently, tore her mainsail badly and put in at Edgartown, where she sold what fish she had, repaired the sail, then came out and came home after fishing up the rest of her bait.

The seiners Ingomar and Indiana were towed from Boston last evening and will fit out for another trip. Sch. Olga also came down from Boston to shift over to doryhandlining while her gang will transfer to the Rob Roy.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

- Today's Receipts.**
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
 - Sch. Mina Swim, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.
 - Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 8000 lbs. salt cod, 32,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Priscilla Smith, via Boston, 6000 large fresh mackerel, 2 bbls. salt bullseyes.
 - Sch. Dictator, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.
 - Sch. Olga, via Boston, 4 bbls. salt bullseyes.
 - Sch. Ingomar, via Boston.
 - Sch. Indiana, via Boston.
 - Sloop Azorian, Rips, 4000 lbs. fresh cod.

- Vessels Saved.**
- Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
 - Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, haddocking.
 - Sch. Queen of the Sea, netting.
 - Sch. Oriole, seining.
 - Sch. Tattler, dory handlining.
 - Sch. Lafayette, swordfishing.
 - Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
 - Sch. Georgiana, shore.
 - Sloop Marion, shore.
 - Sch. Elmer E. Gray, dory handlining.
 - Sch. Mooween, halibuting.
 - Sch. Mooanam, Rips.
 - Sch. Eugenie, Rips.
 - Sch. Etta Mildred, Rips.
 - Sch. Elmer E. Gray, shacking.

- Today's Fish Market.**
- Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
 - Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.
 - Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2, market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.
 - Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
 - Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.
 - Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.
 - Bank halibut, 6 cts. per pound right through.
 - Fresh mackerel 14 cts. each.
 - Salt "bullseye" mackerel, \$6.50 per bbl.
 - Board of Trade prices:**
 - Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.
 - Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.
 - Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.10.
 - Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.
 - Splitting prices for fresh fish.**
 - Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c.; hake, 60c.
 - Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.
 - Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.
 - Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
 - Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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Nova Scotia Fish Movements.
- Digby—Hake plenty; cod and herring fair; haddock scarce.
 - Sand Point—Cod fair.
 - Lockeport—Few halibut, herring and mackerel reported; dogfish abundant; cod plenty.
 - Liverpool—Herring very plenty; from 800 to 1000 bbls. in two traps.
 - Lunenburg—Cod fair; signs of mackerel reported.
 - Musquodoboit—Trout and salmon plenty; cod and haddock fair; herring scarce.
 - Salmon River—Salmon plenty; cod and trout fair.
 - Yarmouth—Several small fares of halibut landed today; cod and haddock plenty.
 - Isaacs Harbor—Few cod, herring and salmon reported.
 - Canso—Cod and pollock fair; haddock scarce; dogfish plentiful.
 - West Arichat—Herring plenty; cod fair.
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 - Petit-de-Grat—Herring fair.
 - D'Escousse—Herring fair.
 - Cheticamp—Cod fair; haddock, herring and salmon scarce.
 - Port Hood—Cod, hake and haddock fair; mackerel scarce.
 - Clark's Harbor—Haddock fair; cod scarce; no herring.
 - Port La Tour—Seven barrels squid in Blanch trap; boats not yet returned.
 - Whitehead—Cod and herring fair.
 - Margaree—Cod and haddock plentiful; herring and salmon fair.

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**CAPT. CAMERON BRINGS
TRIP HERE.**
**Dissatisfied With
Offer for Mackerel
Made by Wharf Dealers.**
**Fish Will be Put in
Freezer Here and at
Rockport.**

Sch. Mary E. Harty, which reached T wharf yesterday forenoon with a fine fare of large mackerel, brought her fare to this port in the afternoon, as Capt. Reuben Cameron did not consider that the top offer of 15 cents per fish was enough for these four pound beauties, caught only the night before.

Capt. Cameron was far from pleased with the way he was treated at T wharf, and had no hesitation in saying just how he felt. The dealers, however, would not raise the 15 cents offer, but as Capt. Cameron knew he could get that much here, he refused, and headed his craft for this port, having sold the fare, 10,000 fish in count, to William H. Jordan & Co. of this city.

This morning the vessel went in at the wharf of the Gloucester Cold Storage Company, and put half of the lot in the freezer there, while the rest will be put in the freezer at Rockport. Capt. Cameron believes his fish were worth more than 15 cents to the T wharf dealers, as he had the only trip in, and knew there were no others coming behind him.

The mackerel situation at T wharf since Monday has been acute, and skippers and owners of the mackerel catchers in there since the first day of the week have been anything but satisfied with the attitude of the exchange and the buyers. The bringing of fares of fresh mackerel to this port to dispose of after the crafts have made Boston for a market is something most unusual, yet it occurred twice this week.

Several of the vessel owners and dealers here are talking that at 15 cents for these kind of fish, it would pay to salt them rather than to run them fresh. They would go less than 100, about 95 probably, to the salted barrel, and if showing fat, would certainly bring a fine figure.

Capt. Cameron reports getting his fare late Wednesday afternoon at the Rose and Crown shoal on the Rips, and that only one other vessel stopped any fish, sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, which got 4000 fish, but did not start to come to market with them.

The present status of the mackerel situation is not pleasant to contemplate.

The fare of salt bullseye mackerel of sch. Ingomar sold to the Knowles, Freeman Fish Company of Boston for \$7.10 per barrel, quite an advance over last sales.